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What is claimed is:

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2. (Once Amended) A card type input/output interface device as claimed in claim 38, wherein said second data interface unit comprises radio transmitter/receiver means for transferring the data between said external device and the card type input/output interface device through a radio communications channel.

4. (Once Amended) A card type input/output interface device as claimed in claim 2, wherein said second data interface unit comprises an antenna coupled to said radio transmitter/receiver means.

5. (Never Amended) A card type input/output interface device as claimed in claim 4, wherein said antenna is a rod type antenna.

6. (Never Amended) A card type input/output interface device as claimed in claim 4, wherein said antenna is a rod type antenna which is contractible and expandable.

7. (Never Amended) A card type input/output interface device as claimed in claim 4, wherein said antenna is a rod type antenna which is contractible and expandable and which is rotatably supported to said card.

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8. (Never Amended) A card type input/output interface device as claimed in claim 4, wherein said antenna is an edge portion of said card.

9. (Once Amended) A card type input/output interface device as claimed in claim 38, wherein:

 said card has a projection in which said second data interface unit is provided;

 said first data interface unit is located in a first end portion of said card and said second data interface unit is located in a second end portion opposite said first end portion; and

 a thickness of said second end portion of said card including said projection is greater than a thickness of said first end portion of said card.

10. (Never Amended) A card type input/output interface device as claimed in claim 9, wherein said projection upwardly projects from a surface of said card.

11. (Never Amended) A card type input/output interface device as claimed in claim 9, wherein said projection projects upwardly and downwardly projects from opposing surfaces of said card.

12. (Never Amended) A card type input/output interface device as claimed in claim 9, wherein:

 said card has a first width in said first end portion;

 said projection has a second width in said second end portion; and

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said first width is equal to said second width.

13. (Never Amended) A card type input/output interface device as claimed in claim 9, wherein:

 said card has a first width in said first end portion;
 said projection has a second width in said second end portion; and

 said second width is smaller than said first width.

14. (Once Amended) A card type input/output interface device as claimed in claim 9, wherein said second data [transmission means] interface unit comprises a connector formed in said projection for electrically connecting the card type input/output interface device to said external device.

15. (Never Amended) A card type input/output interface device as claimed in claim 14, wherein said connector is a pin modular connector.

16. (Never Amended) A card type input/output interface device as claimed in claim 14, wherein said connector is a Centro-connector.

17. (Never Amended) A card type input/output interface device as claimed in claim 14, wherein said connector is an RS-232C connector.

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18. (Once Amended) A card type input/output interface device as claimed in claim 38, wherein said first data interface unit comprises a connector for electrically connecting said the card type input/output interface device to said electronic device.

20. (Twice Amended) An electronic system as claimed in claim 39, wherein said second data interface unit comprises first radio transmitter/receiver means for transferring the data between said external device and said card type input/output interface device through a radio communications channel.

22. (Twice Amended) An electronic system as claimed in claim 20, wherein said second data interface unit comprises a first antenna coupled to said first radio transmitter/receiver means.

23. (Once Amended) An electronic system as claimed in claim 22, wherein said first antenna is a rod type antenna.

24. (Once Amended) An electronic system as claimed in claim 22, wherein said first antenna is a rod type antenna which is contractible and expandable.

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25. (Once Amended) An electronic system as claimed in claim 22, wherein said first antenna is a rod type antenna which is contractible and expandable and which is rotatably supported to said card.

26. (Once Amended) An electronic system as claimed in claim 22, wherein said first antenna is an edge portion of said card.

27. (Twice Amended) An electronic system as claimed in claim 39, wherein:

said card has a projection in which said second data interface unit is provided;

said first data interface unit is located in a first end portion of said card and said second data interface unit is located in a second end portion opposite said first end portion; and

a thickness of said second end portion of said card including said projection is greater than a thickness of said first end portion of said card.

28. (Once Amended) An electronic system as claimed in claim 27, wherein said projection upwardly projects from a surface of the card.

29. (Once Amended) An electronic system as claimed in claim 27, wherein said projection projects upwardly and downwardly from opposing surfaces of said card.

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30. (Once Amended) An electronic system as claimed in claim 27, wherein:

 said card has a first width in said first end portion;
 said projection has a second width in said second end portion; and

 said first width is equal to said second width.

31. (Once Amended) An electronic system as claimed in claim 27, wherein:

 said card has a first width in said first end portion;
 said projection has a second width in said second end portion; and

 said second width is smaller than said first width.

32. (Twice Amended) An electronic system as claimed in claim 27, wherein said second data interface unit comprises a connector formed in said projection for electrically connecting said card type input/output interface device to said external device.

33. (Once Amended) An electronic system as claimed in claim 32, wherein said connector is a pin modular connector.

34. (Once Amended) An electronic system as claimed in claim 32, wherein said connector is a Centro-connector.

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35. (Once Amended) An electronic system as claimed in claim 32, wherein said connector is an RS-232C connector.

36. (Thrice Amended) An electronic system as claimed in claim 39, wherein said first data interface unit comprises a connector for electrically connecting said card type input/output interface device to a main body of the electronic device.

37. (Twice Amended) An electronic system as claimed in claim 20, wherein said external device comprises a third data interface unit, coupled to a second radio transmitter/receiver means, for coupling said external device to another external device and transferring data therebetween.

38. (Thrice Amended) A card type input/output interface device for operatively connecting an electronic device to an external device, comprising:

a card, to be inserted into a slot provided in the electronic device;

a first data interface unit, provided on one end of the card, for coupling to the electronic device for transferring input information to the electronic device and output information from the electronic device when the card is inserted into the slot;

a second data interface unit, provided on an opposing end of the card, for coupling to the external device for transferring the output information to the external device and the input information from the external device; and

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a data transfer circuit, incorporated with the card, in response to the input information being received by the second data interface unit, for transferring the input information to the first data interface unit and, in response to the output information being received by the first data interface unit, for transferring the output information to the second data interface unit.

39. (Thrice Amended) An electronic system, comprising:

an electronic device, provided with a slot thereof; an external device providing a peripheral function for the electronic device;

a card, inserted into the slot of the electronic device, for coupling the electronic device to the external device;

a first data interface unit, provided on one end of the card, for coupling to the electronic device ~~for to~~ transferring ~~the~~ input information to the electronic device and output information from the electronic device;

a second data interface unit, provided on an opposing end of the card, for coupling to the external device ~~for to~~ transferring ~~the~~ output information to the external device and the input information from the external device; and

a data transfer circuit, incorporated with the card, in response to the input information being received by the second data interface unit, for transferring the input information to the first data interface unit and, in response to the output information being received by the first data interface unit, for transferring the output information to the second data interface unit.

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40. (Thrice Amended) A card type input/output interface device for operatively connecting an electronic device to an external device, comprising:

a card, to be inserted into a slot provided in the electronic device, provided with a first end portion and a second end portion opposite to the first end portion;

a data transfer circuit, incorporated with the card, for transferring information between the electronic device and the external device;

a first data connector, provided on the first end portion of the card, for electrically connecting the data transfer circuit to the electronic device when the card is inserted into the slot; and

a second data connector, provided on the second end portion of the card, for coupling the data transfer circuit to the external device.

41. (Thrice Amended) A card type input/output interface device for operatively connecting an electronic device to an external device, comprising:

a card, to be inserted into a slot provided in the electronic device;

a data connector for transferring input information to the electronic device and output information from the electronic device when the card is inserted into the slot;

a wireless data transmitter/receiver for transmitting the output information to the external device and for receiving the input information from the external device via a wireless communication channel; and

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a data transfer circuit, in response to receiving the input information by the wireless data transmitter/receiver, for transferring the input information to the data connector and, in response to receiving the output information by the data connector, for transferring the output information to the wireless data transmitter/receiver,

wherein the data connector, the wireless data transmitter/receiver and the data transfer circuit are incorporated with the card.

42. (Twice Amended) A card type input/output interface device according to claim 41, wherein the wireless data transmitter/receiver transmits the input information to the external device and receives the output information from the external device via a radio communication channel.

43. (Twice Amended) A card type input/output interface device for operatively connecting an electronic device to an external device, comprising:

a card, to be inserted into a slot provided in the electronic device;

a converter for receiving a parallel bit digital information from the electronic device and for converting the parallel bit digital information into a serial bit digital information when the card is inserted into the slot; and,

a data transfer circuit for transferring the serial bit digital information from the converter to the external device,

wherein the converter and the data transfer circuit are incorporated with the card.

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44. (Twice Amended) A card type input/output interface device for operatively connecting an electronic device to an external device, comprising:

a card, provided with a first end portion and a second end portion, opposite to the first end portion, having a thickness greater than a thickness of the first end portion;

a data transfer circuit, incorporated with the card, for transferring information between the electronic device and the external device;

a first data connector, provided on the first end portion of the card, for electrically connecting the data transfer circuit to the electronic device when the first end portion of the card is inserted into a slot provided in the external wall in the body of the electronic device; and

a second data connector, provided on the second end portion, for coupling the data transfer circuit to the external device.

45. (Thrice Amended) A system, to be operatively connected to an electronic device, comprising:

an external device providing a peripheral function for the electronic device;

a card, electrically connected to the external device, to be inserted into a slot provided in the electronic device;

a first data interface unit for transmitting input information to the electronic device and for receiving output information from the electronic device when the card interface is inserted into the slot;

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a second data interface unit for transmitting the output information to the external device and for receiving the input information from the external device; and

a data transfer circuit, in response to receiving the input information by the second data interface unit, for transferring the input information to the first data interface unit and, in response to receiving the output information by the first data interface unit, for transferring the output information to the second data interface unit,

wherein the first data interface unit, the second interface unit and the data transfer circuit are incorporated with card.

46. (Twice Amended) A system, to be operatively connected to an electronic device, comprising:

an external device providing a peripheral function for the electronic device;

a card, provided with a first end portion and a second end portion opposite to the first end portion, to be inserted into a slot provided in the electronic device;

a data transfer circuit, incorporated with the card, for transferring information between the electronic device and the external device;

a first connector, provided on the first end portion of the card, for electrically connecting the data transfer circuit to the electronic device when the first end portion of the card is inserted into the slot; and

a second connector, provided on the second end portion of the card, for electrically connecting the data transfer circuit to the external device.

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47. (Thrice Amended) A system, to be operatively connected to an electronic device, comprising:

an external device providing a peripheral function for the electronic device;

a card interface, operatively connected to the external device via a wireless communication channel, to be inserted into a slot provided in the electronic device;

a data connector for transferring input information to the electronic device and output information from the electronic device when the card interface is inserted into the slot;

a wireless data transmitter/receiver for transmitting the output information to the external device and for receiving the input information from the external device via the wireless communication channel; and

a data transfer circuit, in response to receiving the input information by the wireless data transmitter/receiver, for transferring the input information to the data connector and, in response to receiving the output information by the data connector, for transferring the output information to the wireless data transmitter/receiver,

wherein the data connector, the wireless data transmitter/receiver and the data transfer circuit are incorporated with the card.

48. (Twice Amended) A system according to claim 47, wherein the wireless data transmitter/receiver transmits the output information to the external device and receives the input information from the external device via a radio communication channel.

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49. (Twice Amended) A system, to be operatively connected to an electronic device, comprising:

an external device providing a peripheral function for the electronic device;

a card interface, operatively connected to the external device, to be inserted into a slot provided in the electronic device;

a converter for receiving a parallel bit digital information from the electronic device and for converting the parallel bit digital information into a serial bit digital information when the card interface is inserted into the slot; and,

a data transfer circuit for transferring the serial bit digital information from the converter to the external device,

wherein the converter and the data transfer circuit are incorporated with the card.

50. (Twice Amended) A system, to be operatively connected to an electronic device, comprising:

an external device providing a peripheral function for the electronic device;

a card, provided with a first end portion and a second end portion, opposite to the first end portion, having a thickness greater than a thickness of the first end portion;

a data transfer circuit, incorporated with the card, for transferring information between the electronic device and the external device;

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a first data connector, provided on the first end portion of the card, for electrically connecting the data transfer circuit to the electronic device when the first end portion of the card is inserted into a slot provided in an external wall in the body of the electronic device; and

a second data connector, provided on the second end portion, for coupling the data transfer circuit to the external device.

51. (Twice Amended) An electronic system comprising:

an electronic device, provided with a slot;

an external device providing a peripheral function for the electronic device;

a card, provided with a first end portion and a second end portion opposite to the first end portion, the first end portion inserted into the slot of the electronic device;

a data transfer circuit, incorporated with card, for transferring information between the electronic device and the external device;

a first data connector, provided on the first end portion of the card, for electrically connecting the data transfer circuit to the electronic device; and

a second data connector, provided on the second end portion of the card, for coupling the data transfer circuit to the external device.

52. (Thrice Amended) An electronic system, comprising:

an electronic device, provided with a slot;

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an external device providing a peripheral function for the electronic device;

a card, inserted into the slot of the electronic device, for operatively connecting the electronic device to the external device via a wireless communication channel;

a data connector for transferring input information to the electronic device and for receiving output information from the electronic device;

a wireless data transmitter/receiver for transmitting the output information to the external device and for receiving the input information from the external device via the wireless communication channel; and

a data transfer circuit, in response to receiving the input information by the wireless data transmitter/receiver, for transferring the input information to the data connector and, in response to receiving the output information by the connector, for transferring the output information to the wireless data transmitter/receiver,

wherein the data connector, the wireless data transmitter/receiver and the data transfer circuit are incorporated with the card.

53. (Twice amended) An electronic system according to claim 52, wherein the wireless data transmitter/receiver transmits the output information to the external device and receives the input information from the external device via a radio communication channel.

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54. (Twice Amended) An electronic system, comprising:

an electronic device, provided with a slot;

an external device providing a peripheral function for the electronic device;

a card, inserted into the slot of the electronic device, and operatively connecting the electronic device function to the external device;

a converter for receiving a parallel bit digital information from the electrical device and for converting the parallel bit digital information into a serial bit digital information;

a data transfer circuit for coupling the serial bit digital information from the converter to the external device,

wherein the converter and the data transfer circuit are incorporated with the card.

55. (Thrice Amended) An electronic system, comprising:

an electronic device, provided with a slot;

an external device providing a peripheral function for the electronic device;

a card, provided with a first end portion inserted into the slot of the electronic device and a second end portion opposite to the first end portion, having a thickness greater than a thickness of the first end portion;

a data transfer circuit, incorporated with the card, for transferring information between the electronic device and the external device;

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a first data connector, provided on the first end portion of the card, for electrically connecting the data transfer circuit to the electronic device when the card is inserted into the slot; and

a second data connector, provided on the second end portion, for coupling the data transfer circuit to the external device.